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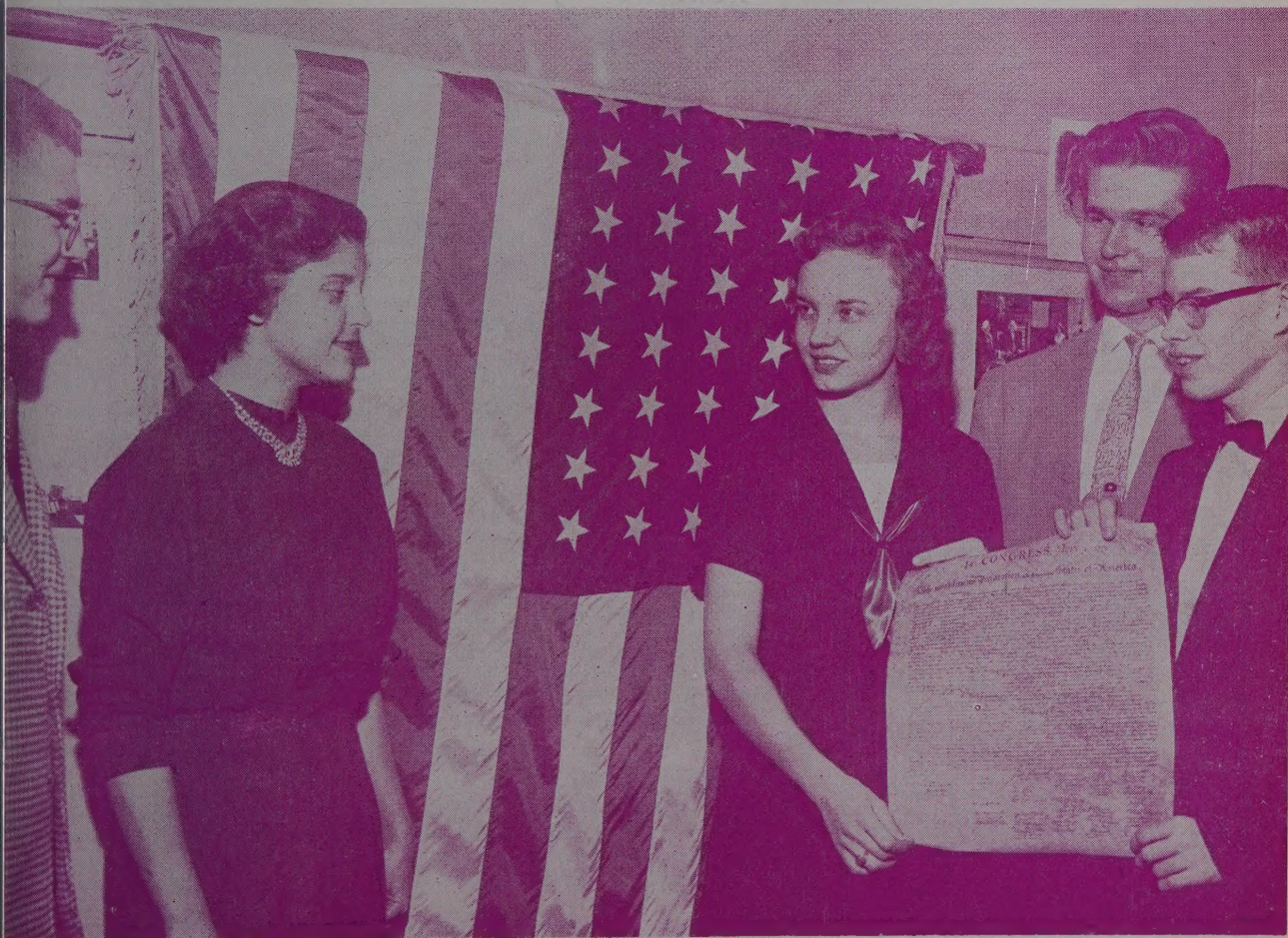
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HIGH SCHOOL ENDEAVORERS OBSERVE "KNOW YOUR AMERICA WEEK"

For Christ and the Church

THE CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR World

Cover

High School Endeavorers of First Presbyterian Church, Ambridge, Pennsylvania, used the theme, "Consider the Blessings of Freedom," when they observed "Know Your America Week" on November 24. Those who participated are (left to right) James Flanigan, Rose Leseiko, Elaine Kozar, Harry Holmes, and Donald Smith. This is part of a national celebration sponsored by the All-American Conference to Combat Communism.

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From the Executive Secretary . . .

Let's Mobilize

"Let's Mobilize" will be the rallying cry all across North America during the months of January and February as Christian Endeavorers and friends of the movement are reminded of the annual Membership Mobilization. Christian Endeavor depends upon the gifts of Endeavorers and friends to carry on its vital work among young people. Membership Mobilization is a roll call of friends of Christian Endeavor, a mustering of our forces, a demonstration of our unity, an opportunity for all to participate in a world-wide movement. Extend Christian Endeavor's total ministry "For Christ and the Church" in this strategic hour when youth must be won to Christ and be trained for His service. Let's mobilize our forces NOW!

Youth Holds the Key!

The president of a large brewing company, complaining that the per capita use of beer today is less than in years past, stated that he hopes that the real answer to the industry problem lies in the coming of age of millions of today's young people. He adds that in spite of the great popularity of beer and despite the tremendous industry advertising programs to make beer a family beverage, only 26% of the country's population consumes 90% of the beer and only 52% of the population drinks beer at all.

He observes that since our tremendous postwar population growth has been chiefly at the bottom, within another year or so the number of people turning 21 each year will increase by the millions. He exclaims that the brewing industry will welcome the "war babies" with open arms. Young people, your "No" answer to that invitation for your first drink will be your loud answer to the brewing industry.

Let's Celebrate!

Christian Endeavor is 77 years young. There will be real rejoicing during Christian Endeavor Week, January 26 through February 2, when the 77th birthday of Christian Endeavor is celebrated, looking back on the more than three-quarters of a century of service of this Christ-honoring church-centered movement; looking ahead to new horizons, facing ever-increasing challenges, preparing for an expanded ministry to youth. Use especially Christian Endeavor Day, February 2, to tell the Christian Endeavor story in local churches. First observed in 1888, Christian Endeavor Day is a unique opportunity to focus the attention of the church on its youth. Write for a complete packet for Christian Endeavor Week to the International Society of Christian Endeavor.

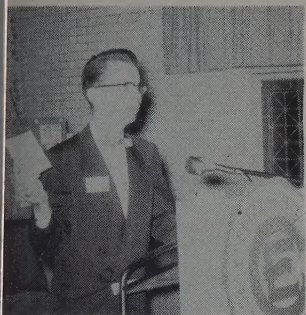
The Outdoor Poster Program

During the month of January, and in some areas for even a longer period, the highways of the United States and Canada will be dotted with Christian Endeavor's Outdoor Poster. On the country road, the cross-country super-highway, the busy street corner, at the main intersection in city and town, Christian Endeavor's striking outdoor poster will challenge the thinking of thousands, pointing them to Christ and the Church. We are indebted to scores of poster plant owners for their generous contribution posting of these panels through the years. We are grateful, too, for the sympathetic interest of the Outdoor Advertising Association of America, to which many of these poster plant owners belong. This is a significant part of the year-round evangelism program of Christian Endeavor.

A Blessed New Year!

To each of you, from each of us, comes this sincere wish for a blessed and a happy new year ahead, "trusting in the Lord Jesus Christ for strength."

Harold Westerhoff



Director Robert C. Ross gives information about Christian Endeavor's citizenship program to leaders at sessions of Program Council and Executives' Conference in December.

February 3 Is Final Date To Enter Citizenship Contest

**Winners to Receive Albert H. Diebold Awards
Totaling \$1,000 in Cash and Two Trips
To Citizenship Convocation
In New York City**

FEBRUARY 3 is the important date! That is the deadline for entries in Christian Endeavor's seventh annual Citizenship Contest sponsored by the International Society of Christian Endeavor.

This year's contest features nominations. A young person wishing to enter the contest may be nominated by an adult, by another young person, or by himself. All nominations must be postmarked no later than February 3 and must be sent on the official nomination form to the Christian Citizenship Director of the International Society at 1221 East Broad Street, Columbus 16, Ohio.

Already many youth have been nominated and will be competing for the Albert H. Diebold Awards which total \$1,000 and two all-expense paid trips to the Christian Citizenship Convocation to be held in New York City, July 4-6, 1958.

New Contest Feature

Robert C. Ross, citizenship director of the International Society, reports much interest in a new contest feature. This year youth will write "A Letter to My Editor" which will actually be mailed to the editor of the local newspaper. On the subject of SPEAK FOR CHRISTIAN CITIZENSHIP! these letters will give young people a real opportunity to express their views in their own communities.

Contestants will be judged in two divisions—those in high school and those out of high school. All entrants must be under 25 years of age.

The first award in each division will be \$200 in cash plus the payment of all expenses (up to \$200) for attending the Citizenship Convocation. The second award will be \$100 in cash and the third \$50 in each division. For the next six runners-up in the international finals in each division there will be prizes of \$25. Certificates of Recognition and special award emblems will be presented to the winners of all state and provincial contests.

Citizenship Convocation

Great plans are being made for a significant Convocation. Headquarters will be the Hotel Governor Clinton.

Delegates will participate in a service at the Bowery Mission on Friday evening, followed by a visit to Magistrate's Night Court in the heart of New York's Civic Center.

Saturday's program will include a Quiet Hour service in Herald Square with Dr. Earle W. Gates speaking, a visit to United Nations headquarters, and a yacht cruise around Manhattan Island. The day will close with the Convocation Banquet and a Christian Citizenship Rally when the Albert H. Diebold Awards will be presented to winners in Christian Endeavor's Citizenship Contest.

On Sunday, following a Quiet Hour service in Madison Square Park, delegates will attend morning worship and then come together for a closing dedication period led by Dr. Daniel A. Poling.

The fee for the entire convocation (including meals and hotel accommodations) is only \$30. An advance deposit of \$5 will reserve a place for delegates.

Folders containing detailed contest and convocation information may be secured through state and provincial Christian Endeavor officers or direct from the International Society of Christian Endeavor, 1221 East Broad Street, Columbus 16, Ohio.

NOMINATION FORM

Christian Endeavor's Citizenship Contest

NOTE: You may be nominated by an adult, by another young person, or by yourself.

Valid only if postmarked no later than February 3, 1958.

Citizenship Director
International Society of Christian Endeavor
1221 East Broad Street
Columbus 16, Ohio

I hereby nominate the following young person for participation in Christian Endeavor's Citizenship Contest. Please send the forms for the "Letter" and the Service Record to the nominee.

Nominee's Name _____
(Please Print)

Number and Street _____

City, Zone, State _____

I agree to encourage my nominee to complete the "Letter" and the Service Record.

(Name of Person Making Nomination)

(Number and Street of Person Making Nomination)

(City, Zone, State of Person Making Nomination)

Letters... Dear Mr. Editor:





Fellowship Banquet on Saturday Night Was High Light of 1957 Sessions

Annual Meetings Held In Columbus . . .

Leaders Expect New Advances

A spiritual emphasis, with rich fellowship and much enthusiasm, characterized the annual meetings of the Program Council of the International Society of Christian Endeavor and the Christian Endeavor Executives' Conference held in Columbus, Ohio, December 6-9.

Advances in many areas of Christian Endeavor work during 1957 were noted and plans for many forward steps in 1958 were discussed.

"Tremendous" and "tops" were words used by leaders to describe the meetings. Comments were made on the fine spiritual and evangelistic emphasis, the practicability of various items presented, the opportunity for new leaders to share, and the evident desire of those present to take information back home and go to work with increased enthusiasm.

Dr. Daniel A. Poling, president of the World's Christian Endeavor Union, told of great strides being made in many countries. In January he will journey "down under" to participate in the Australian national convention.

Dr. Earle W. Gates, president of the International Society, reported on many forward steps which he has observed throughout North America. He, along with associate president Timothy J. Kribs, conducted a very meaningful communion service.

The fellowship banquet featured the theme, "Let's Mobilize!" Speaker was Arch J. McQuilkin, well-known Christian Endeavor

or leader from Pennsylvania, with Julian Moran, vice-president of the International Society, serving as toastmaster.

Each day opened with meditation led by Rev. Elwood Dunn. Youth Assembly members, under the direction of chairman James Humphreys, gave information concerning their annual sessions this summer.

"Echoes of Portland," an audio-visual report of the Portland Convention, was given

by Christian A. Tirre. Pennsylvania leaders told of advance plans for the next International Convention which is scheduled July 6-11, 1959, in Philadelphia.

The new biennial theme, "For Christ and the Church," was interpreted for the union extension program by Cecil A. Jeffery, vice president in charge of the Pacific Region. Rev. Owen W. Glassburn of the Ohio Yearly Meeting of Friends presented ways to use the theme in the denomination program.

Mr. Jeffery also conducted a series, "The Union Program—Organizational Extension" which presented practical instruction for union leaders.

Bishop R. W. Rash, of the Church of United Brethren in Christ, spoke on "Working for Christ" at the Sunday evening church service, which was preceded by Christian Endeavor meeting led by Timothy J. Kribs.

During sessions reports of committees were made and recommendations were adopted for action in the year ahead.

Headquarters personnel were hosts at informal reception, when leaders toured building at 1221 East Broad Street.

The Program Council, composed of denominational youth workers and employment, general, and executive secretaries state and provincial unions, carries out work through three committees—Educational, Topics, and Junior Work. The council surveys needs of Christian Endeavor, in



Artis Brown, headquarters associate, serves punch to Rev. Martin Soper (left) of Los Angeles and Gordon McMordie of Pennsylvania at informal reception Friday evening.



above) Youth Assembly members who gave a report on sessions in England this summer are (left to right) Robert Markell, vice-chairman; John Ferguson, secretary; Carol E. Gates; Ronald Snyder; James Humphreys, chairman; and William T. Lewis.

right) Delegates take time out for a hymn from "Christian Endeavor songs."

es educational policy, program, and materials, and proposes current emphases.

Rev. Robert Hess, field secretary of the California Christian Endeavor Union, is the newly-elected chairman of the Program Council, succeeding Bishop R. W. Rash. Co-chairman is Rev. Charles Barner of Pennsylvania, representing the Evangelical Congregational Church.

Committees elected by the Council are as follows:

EDUCATIONAL COMMITTEE—Phyllis G. Brown, chairman; Rev. Charles Barner, Frances Becker, Rev. George L. Blackwell, Rev. Walter Burkholder, Albert Day, Dr. W. N. Gibson, Rev. Robert Hess, James Humphreys, and Dr. Daniel K. Poling.

TOPICS COMMITTEE—Rev. Elwood Dunn, chairman; Rev. Brenton J. K. Arthur, Rev. Clair E. Saffy, Rev. Wallace Hastings, Vernon Hoffman, Anna Sell, Clyde Sherk, Rev. Raymond C. Steinart, Mrs. Ralph Treadaway, and Rev. Andrew White.

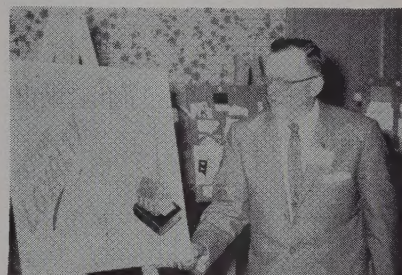
JUNIOR WORK COMMITTEE—Mrs. Warren G. Hoopes, Sr., chairman; Mrs. Etta Berger, Mrs. Martin Dossett, Nellie V. Griffin, and Florence Zimmerman.

Officers for the coming year chosen by the Executives' Conference are: Charles O. Heyward (D.C.), president; Cecil A. Jeffery (Calif.), vice-president; Pauline Schreurs (Wisc.), secretary; and Christian A. Tirre (Ky.), treasurer. The retiring president is E. Herman Brackbill. The new officers were installed by Warren G. Hoopes, Sr., general secretary of the Pennsylvania Christian Endeavor Union.

The Executives' Conference is made up of national, state, provincial, and territorial union presidents and employed secretaries, plus a youth representative from each union, and the regional vice-presidents. The group meets annually to promote executive and field work, interpret program and methods, and provide mutual acquaintance and fellowship.

Dates set for next year's meetings of the Program Council and the Christian Endeavor Executives' Conference are December 4-7 in Columbus, Ohio.

Several radio and television appearances were arranged in connection with the 1957 sessions. Timothy J. Kribs of Oregon, Doris Teague of North Carolina, and William T. Lewis of Pennsylvania were interviewed over radio station WTVN, Columbus, and a group of youth delegates made a brief appearance on WLW-C television.



Attractive posters added much to Cecil Jeffery's presentation on the union program.



Young people enjoy fellowship of banquet.



James A. Brown Memorial Plaque Presentation

Shown during the ceremony at Christian Endeavor headquarters are (left to right) Harold E. Westerhoff, executive secretary, International Society; Mrs. Gerald L. Howard, president, Golden Rule Union; Mrs. Carrie R. P. Hawkins, treasurer, James A. Brown Alumni Fellowship; and Dr. Earle W. Gates, president, International Society.

Mrs. Howard, in presenting the plaque, told of the great contribution James A. Brown has made to the work of the Golden Rule Union and to Christian Endeavor in Washington, D.C. He served as president of the union for 12 years, attended every International Convention from 1925 until his death, was a lifetime member of International Society and a trustee-at-large. In memory of this outstanding leader who has made such a great contribution, the James A. Brown Alumni Fellowship has pledged to contribute \$100 annually through the Cost-For-A-Day Movement.

SIGNPOSTS FOR 1958

Messages for the new year from three Christian Endeavor leaders—Dr. Earle W. Gates, president of the International Society of Christian Endeavor; Timothy J. Kribs, associate president of International Society; and James Humphreys, chairman of the Youth Assembly.

Men at Work

Best wishes for a prosperous new year working for Christ and the Church.

As we begin the new year it is essential that we be ready for the tasks that lie ahead of us in the work of our Lord. We need to renew our commitment to Christ and assure Him of our loyalty. We all realize that often we become discouraged in our labors for Christ because so little seems to be accomplished. However, we must never grow weary in well-doing! The love and joy of Christ should so fill us that we never cease doing all we can for Him. Let us resolve to live closer to Christ during 1958 so we will be prepared for the tasks that lie ahead.

Every year the Christian Endeavor pledge comes to mean more to me. The greater our tasks in the work of Christ the more we must trust in the Lord Jesus Christ for strength. By ourselves we will never win the world to Christ, but by relying on Christ we can win the world for Him in a few short years.

At the beginning of 1958 every Christian needs to resolve to improve his prayer life. A great year of promise lies before us, but unless we avail ourselves of the privilege of prayer 1958 will be just another year. We must talk to God but we must also let Him speak to us through His Word—the Bible. Only through God's Word can we know God's will for us.

I hope and pray that each Christian Endeavorer will resolve to make 1958 the greatest year the world has ever seen in the work for Christ and the Church. Opportunity lies at our door; may we prepare well and work fervently to do wonderfully great things for our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

Tim Kribs



"GO FORWARD IN '58" is the challenge of these three Christian endeavor leaders—Timothy J. Kribs (left), Dr. Earle W. Gates (center), James Humphreys.

Victory Ahead!

God has opened a new era of time before us, and 1958 bids us enter in faith. Every day will be a new experience, a new adventure in living. According to our faith and in terms of our personal dedication will the quality of these wonderful new days be determined.

As I extend affectionate greetings for the New Year, I assure you also of my prayers that each day may be lived vigorously and well. "My best for the highest" may well be our personal motto for daily living. The deep inner urge of each Christian is to live righteously and to serve well.

Consecration of the life and dependence on Divine aid are the only keys to successful achievement. A heart wholly consecrated to God, and a spirit of total dependence on God, is the formula for highest attainment in the serving life. The way will not necessarily be easy, but the reward will be great.

There is a thrill and deep satisfaction in the "good fight of faith." Once a man feels he knows the will of God he must follow it endlessly, regardless of cost—and sometimes it doesn't even matter much if he is hurt, or if he loses a battle in that long struggle. There is always victory ahead!

The Matterhorn is one of the most difficult peaks in all Europe. One who had reached the summit was asked concerning the view. His reply was, "Mountain-climbers do not ascend for the view, but for the climb." The constant battle for the mastery of self—our greatest challenge in 1958—is like unto that. The Christian is blessed in himself by the effort put forth, and in addition feasts his soul on the view which always appears from the summit of consecration.

The Lord Jesus Christ offers Himself as Companion every moment of every day. He says, "My grace is sufficient for you." May this year be the best you have yet known, as you build life around Him. He who builds as well as he knows, builds better than he knows.

Earle W. Gates

Crossroads

STOP a minute!

Time flies, doesn't it? Here it is 1958 and we haven't done half the things thought we'd get done last year. Probably our excuse is that we didn't have time; were too busy. But everyone is busy in this day and age. As Christians how should we spend our time in 1958? Remember the words from Ecclesiastes: "Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might. Will we do God's work with all our might?"

LOOK in the mirror!

Ask yourself: Is my life different because I am a Christian? Christians ought to be different—different in what they think, how they act, what they say. Jesus told His disciples, "By this shall all men know that you are my disciples, if ye have love one to another." Do we want to show others that year that our lives have been changed? The only way to do it is through sincere Christian love.

LISTEN to God's voice!

He has a special plan for each of us in 1958. Our tasks are all different, but they all begin here and now. Ours may be singing in the church choir or to serve on class committee at school or to be friendly to someone who needs friendship. It may be to work harder in school or to teach Sunday school class or to be on the football team. Whatever our task is, only through doing in 1958 what Christ would have us do can we show in our lives the fruits of the Spirit: "love, joy, peace, long suffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance."

Jim Humphreys



THE CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR WORK



NEWS

from around the world

ward M. Smith of Walkersville, Maryland, and place winner in Division A in the 77th Citizenship Contest, was recently honored as "Boy of the Year" by the Optimist Clubs of Maryland. Dick was nominated by Maryland Endeavorers.



Colorado Endeavorers are pictured at a hymn during recent convention in Denver.

Here's what is happening in one church: Christian Endeavorers are divided into ten societies (for all ages from the Joybells, ages 1-3, through the Ambassador group, ages over 47). With an average attendance of approximately 400 in these societies each week, it is even more astounding to learn that well over 90% of those attending remain at the evening church service. Where is all this happening? It's at the Church of the Open Door in Los Angeles, California. Lloyd Olson is director of Christian Endeavor and J. Vernon McGee is pastor.

Are you taking advantage of the special club rates on THE CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR WORLD and JUNIOR CE MEETINGS? Five copies to one address cost only \$6 a year; ten copies to one address \$10 a year. This is a real saving over the annual subscription rate of \$1.50. These prices apply to either publication.

Who can equal this record? Hilda G. James of Cohasset, Massachusetts, reports that she has subscribed for THE CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR WORLD at a Christian Endeavor Institute in September, 1907, and has been a subscriber ever since—more than 50 years! She says, "I have enjoyed it more than I can say. It keeps one up-to-date on all the news connected with Christian Endeavor."

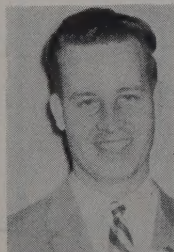
It will soon be summer in Brazil and Christian Endeavorers there will be going camping. Mrs. J. Richard Ewing, who is general director of youth work of the Brazil Christian Mission with headquarters in Goiania, says, "Christian Endeavor is on the march! And with the organization of new societies the way is opening for it to go forward in a fine way. In the Christian Endeavorers of Brazil lies a great hope for the evangelization of this vast portion of the continent of South America."

Over 350 heard Harold E. Westerhoff speak at the recent Dauphin County Fellowship Banquet in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. J. G. MacDannald, president of the group, has just completed 17 years of service.

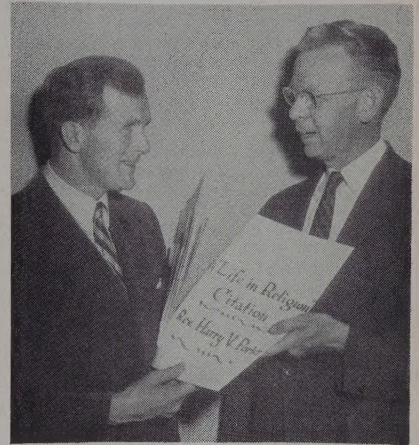
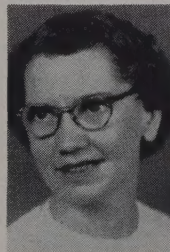
Already the Nominating Committee of the International Society of Christian Endeavor is hard at work, although elections will not be held until July, 1959. If you have any suggestions, send them to the chairman, Rev. Elwood Dunn, c/o International Society of Christian Endeavor, 1221 East Broad Street, Columbus 16, Ohio. The next meeting of this committee is scheduled for March 22.

Are you wearing a GOLD or SILVER Christian Endeavor pin? In Germany the Christian Endeavor monogram is placed on a stick pin and these are called "needles." Only active members may wear the gold pins; associate members must wear silver pins. Only wearers of gold "needles" may participate in the important monthly consecration meetings.

Attractive red, white, and blue seals were prepared for Loyalty Day on December 8 by Pennsylvania Endeavorers. The seals carried this message, "Live daily . . . For Christ and the Church. Attend Christian Endeavor."



Pearl Whitten (right) is the recently-elected president of the Indiana Christian Endeavor Union. Albert Dietz heads up the work in Alabama.



"Life in Religion" citation is presented to Rev. Harry V. Porter (right) by Robert Tate Allan at the recent church publicity clinic in Washington, D.C. Mr. Porter has served as pastor of Westminster Memorial Presbyterian Church in Washington for 23 years. The citation says, "It has been in the realm of Christian youth work that the Porters have made their greatest contribution, particularly in the Christian Endeavor Society movement. Pastor Porter is eminently worthy to receive this 'Life in Religion' award. His high type of Christian service helps keep the fires of Christianity burning brightly."

Scottish Endeavorers, under the leadership of Rev. Samuel Boyd, are planning to attend the World's Christian Endeavor Convention in Frankfurt, Germany, next July. Already about 20 are in the group which will journey to the convention and travel through the Black Forest, combining a holiday tour with the convention experience.

In his entry for the 1956 Australian Junior Question Box National Prizes, a nine-year-old wrote the following: "A Junior of my age can take part in a Junior Christian Endeavor meeting by means of leading the meeting, giving a talk, reading the Bible, joining in chain prayer, praising God in singing of hymns, preparing a quiz on the Bible, giving a solo by playing the piano, singing or reciting, by welcoming strangers, giving out a little present and badge for the people who have had a birthday in the past week."

Over 600 representatives of societies gathered in Lima last July to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the movement in Peru. From a humble beginning in a former store building, Christian Endeavor has grown until it is found in all parts of the country. Several members of that first society were present at the anniversary celebration.

Leaders to Participate In World's Convention

Christian Endeavor leaders from North America will participate in the 13th World's Christian Endeavor Convention which is scheduled for July 23-27 in Frankfurt, Germany.

These leaders include Dr. Daniel A. Poling, president of the World's Union; Dr. Earle W. Gates, president of the International Society; Dr. Clyde W. Meadows, vice-president of the International Society; Harold E. Westerhoff, executive secretary of the International Society and acting general secretary of Area I of the World's Union; and Robert C. Ross, educational secretary of the International Society.

The theme for convention sessions will be "Christ, the Light of the World."

Meetings will be held in the great Festival Hall in Frankfurt. Rev. Arno Pagel, president of the German Union, anticipates 12,000 German Endeavorers will attend. Other Endeavorers around the world are making plans to be present.

European Tour

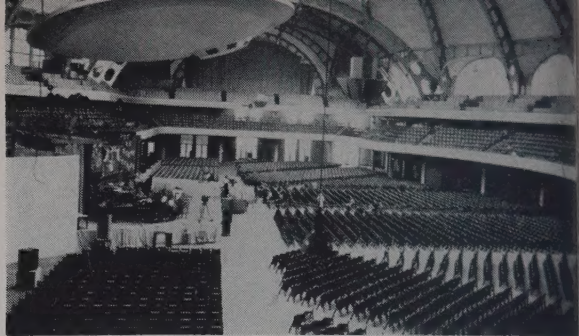
A group of Endeavorers from North America will travel to Frankfurt as part of the International Fellowship Tour to Europe, conducted by Harold E. Westerhoff.

The tour party will leave New York City on July 12 by air. In 30 days the group will visit eight countries, returning to New York City by plane on August 11.

Included in the itinerary are stops in London, Brussels, Amsterdam, Frankfurt, Cologne, Lucerne, Venice, Milan, Florence, Rome, Monte Carlo, Nice, and Paris. Thrilling experiences await those who join the tour party.

The total cost of this personally-conducted all expense tour is \$1350.

For additional information write to the tour manager, c/o International Society of Christian Endeavor, 1221 East Broad Street, Columbus 16, Ohio.



The great Festival Hall in Frankfurt, Germany, will be the scene of the World's Convention next July. Over 12,000 can be seated in the large auditorium. The spacious building also contains a restaurant, cafe, smaller meeting rooms, and other facilities.

The Power of the Pledge

"I am only too glad to give my witness to the power of a pledge taken in earnest in youth," said Miss E. Frances Jeffers of Goffstown, New Hampshire, in a recent letter to Dr. Daniel A. Poling, president of the World's Christian Endeavor Union.

"I was about eighteen when I joined Christian Endeavor in the old Merrimack Street or Second Baptist Church in Manchester, New Hampshire.

"I joined 'active'—as a church member I could see no other way. I took the pledge and as years went by I discovered that the pledge *had taken me*. I never tried to break away from it, but I doubt if I could; just the first phrase 'trusting in the Lord Jesus Christ for strength' came up and I could follow the sentence through. I had the gist of

the rest, but not by rote. I am now seventy-eight and I thought you might be interested to know how for sixty years it has stayed by me."

In a subsequent letter Miss Jeffers says, "Dr. Wayland Hoyt of Philadelphia gave us a watch-word at a Christian Endeavor meet in Manchester, New Hampshire, in 1903, which I memorized on the spot and have passed it on through the years. 'Crown the right, true, and the pure, and keep the crowned; and in the presence of the crowned right and true and pure, the bad and false will fade and fail and pass away.'"

In responding to Miss Jeffers, Dr. Poling said, "Your letter reveals the fact that you are both a very earnest Christian and a very delightful person."

ENROLLMENT CERTIFICATES

All across North America certificates are being received by Christian Endeavor societies, announcing that the society has enrolled in the International Society of Christian Endeavor.

Here is a facsimile of the enrollment certificate. Societies giving \$10 receive a blue seal certificate. Red seals are used on certificates to those groups giving \$25 while gifts of \$50 or more merit a gold seal.

By enrolling in the International Society of Christian Endeavor as a society . . . as well as individual members . . . your group becomes an active part of a world-wide movement.

Proudly display an enrollment certificate where your society meets. Answer the Society Roll Call.

World's Christian Endeavor Union
1221 East Broad Street
Columbus 16, Ohio

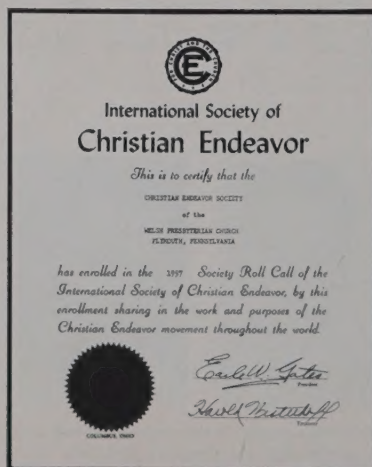
Please register me for the 13th World's Christian Endeavor Convention in Frankfurt, Germany, July 23-27, 1958. I enclose Five Dollars.

My name is _____

My address is _____

I desire information on the International Society tour. ☐

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Christian Endeavor Week—January 26 - February 2, 1958

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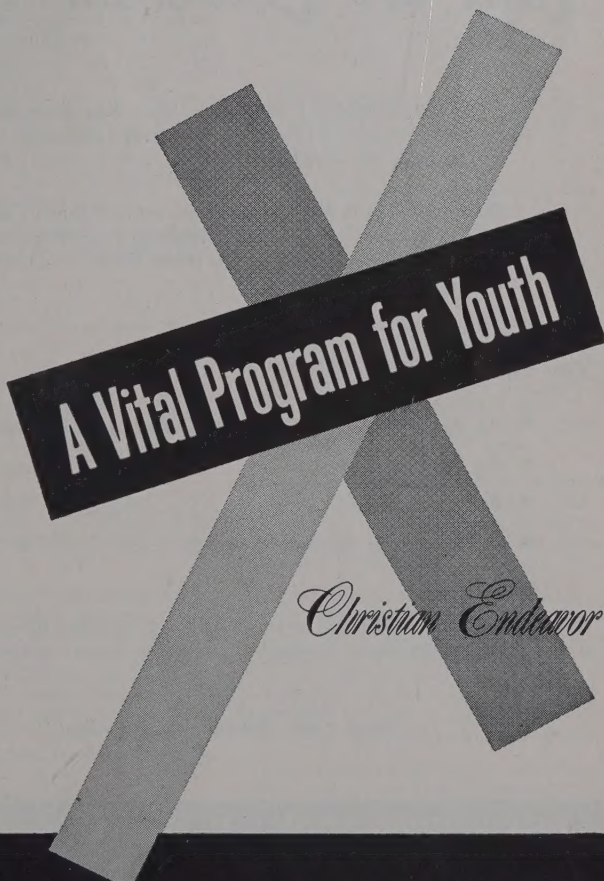
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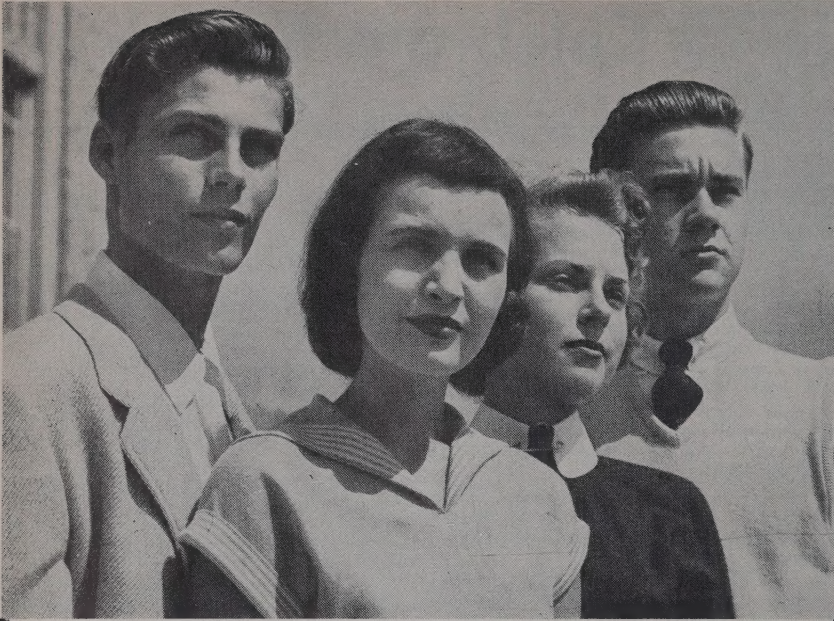
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Radio and Television Scriptwriting Contest
in connection with
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1. Contest begins JANUARY 1 and ends April 1, 1958.
2. All scripts must be original.
3. Manuscripts should be mailed to the International Society of Christian Endeavor, 1221 East Broad Street, Columbus 16, Ohio, and postmarked no later than April 1, 1958.
4. All scripts submitted will become the property of the International Society of Christian Endeavor.
5. Writers may submit as many scripts as they choose.
6. Scripts must be based on the 1959 Christian Endeavor Week theme, "In the Household of God."
7. Scripts should be prepared on the basis of a 15 minute program and will be judged in the following categories:

- a. Radio Scripts
- b. Television Scripts

8. A prize of \$10 will be awarded to the first place winner in each of the two categories of the contest. In addition, the winning scripts will be published as part of the 1959 Christian Endeavor Week Packet. The International Society of Christian Endeavor reserves the right to withdraw any and all awards if no suitable entries are received.

9. All manuscripts must be typewritten, double spaced, on white 8½x11 inch paper, using wide margins. Scripts should be approximately eight pages in length (or about 2,000 words) and should be written in approved style for radio or television, with all necessary instructions.

10. Scripts will be judged on the following bases: originality, clarity of thought, effectiveness in expressing Christian Endeavor principles and the basic concept of the 1959 Christian Endeavor Week theme, suitability for use, general content, and neatness of copy.

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Topics for FEBRUARY

- Feb. 2. Christian Endeavor Serves.
Joshua 24:14-18; Romans 12:1-2
- Feb. 9. Keep Sunday Holy.
Exodus 20:8-11; Mark 2:27,28
Hebrews 10:2-3
- Feb. 16. No Trespassing.
Exodus 20:15,17; Romans 13:1-2
- Feb. 23. Obey—in Home, Church, and Community.
Ephesians 6:1-4; Exodus 20:1-17

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THE CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR WORK



With Young Adults By

Bert H. Davis

Know ALL the Bible

I. The Idea of Fair Dealings

IE people of the Old Testament, originally formed into twelve tribes, were true in their long-time allegiance to one God, Jehovah. He had chosen them "an elect people unto the Lord thy God, . . . a special people unto himself, above all people that are upon the face of the earth" (Deuteronomy 7:6).

Between God and His people a series of covenants was made. The thirty-nine books of the Old Testament have as major themes (1) the Covenant with God and (2) the expected coming of the Messiah, "the anointed," whose mission is outlined in Isaiah 61:1-3. It is with His coming that the Kingdom of God will be perfected.

The Covenant between the Almighty and His chosen people was an exchange of vows and pledges, compared by the prophets Hosea and Jeremiah (31:32; 3:14) to vows of marriage. To understand the growth and persistence of the idea of fair dealings—justice and righteousness toward one's fellow men—let us trace the Covenant of God through portions of the Bible, including some chapters in the Old Testament which are not often reviewed by most men.

God's Great Library

YOU have a Bible of your own—perhaps several copies—and quite likely you read it often. But for many of us there are unplumbed depths and unscaled heights in the stories and teachings, the persons and historical events, the poems and prophecies of this great Library. For it is a library, consisting of sixty-six books written within a period of not less than ten centuries.

As we well know, the Book, or Library, includes stories in which children delight and also spiritual truths so vast in meaning that in our life on this planet we may never grasp them.

But the Bible—the whole Bible—is important to the growth of Christians and to the full meaning to churchmanship. In these pages, for three months or so, we will try to explore some of the unknown and almost forgotten chapters—and particu-

Seeking to *know* God's will, so that men might *do* it, has been one of the longest and most rewarding quests in man's history. The search continues. Slavery endured through many centuries of the Christian Era; today we cannot understand how our forefathers could have had so little concern for human rights. When we of today turn often to God's Word, we shall be alert to His messages on other wrongs which persist: evils in business life, in recreation, in race relations.

With Noah: Genesis 9:8-17.

With Abraham, "father of a multitude": Genesis 12:1-3; 15:1-21; 17:1-8; Micah 7:20.

With Isaac, Abraham's son: Genesis 26:1-5.

With the people of Israel: Exodus 6:2, 8; 19:3-8; 23:20-33; Deuteronomy 5:2, 3 (The Ten Commandments follow in this chapter); Isaiah 54:5-10; Jeremiah 11:1-11; Acts 3:24-26.

With David: II Samuel 23:1-5; Psalm 89:1-17, 28-37.

GOD'S commands to His chosen people are summarized in the familiar Ten Commandments, which state the obligations of the people under Covenant with God and those relating to relations with their fellow men.

The Commandments might be considered a form of constitution, to which would be added various laws and regulations spelling out the idea of fair dealings with both the Creator and the people of His flock. As we have frequently noted in the words of Jesus, such laws and ordinances became complex and often trivial. The people in later days were tempted to "keep the law" in all minute details and "omitted the weightier matters of the law, judgment, mercy, and faith" (Matthew 23:23).

The people of the Covenant—which provided both privileges and duties—at first

larly those of the Old Testament, with its beginnings of a knowledge of God, its stories of spiritual struggles, its failures, its hopes for the Messiah and the Kingdom of God.

This month we suggest for personal study and group participation "The Idea of Fair Dealings." It largely concerns day-by-day relations with others.

With a fairly complete Bible concordance, you may pursue this idea through many more portions of the Scriptures than we had space to mention. Paul's letters, for example, give many suggestions on the way to live among men. Verses dealing with self-denial, charity, love, good example, and righteousness may be located through a concordance or by using books written to aid in Bible study. The marginal references in some editions of the Bible will help.

Our split-window symbol for the series is a reminder that not part of the window but the whole window of God's Word to man is available for *more light*.

were held together by their common kinship in Abraham and their common allegiance to God. "In those days there was no king in Israel, but every man did that which was right in his own eyes" (Judges 17:6, repeated at 21:25). When the judges, or tribal chiefs, gave way to a king and the tribes for a time were united, this people became more like the nations all about them. Later they were to be divided, conquered, dispersed. Their hopes centered in the future, when the Messiah appeared.

YET always some degree of fair dealings would persist. Slavery continued, the rights of womanhood were few, foreigners were usually despised, bloodthirsty wars were taken for granted. Yet possessions of one's fellows were usually respected, interest could not be charged to a fellow Israelite, debts among the people were extinguished in every seventh year, the poor were not neglected. Many humane and ethical practices kept alive the sense of brotherhood and the spirit of fairness.

Centuries apart in origin, but ethical and high-minded by modern standards, are these among the older writings:

"Thou shalt not hate thy brother in thy heart . . . thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself" (Read in full Leviticus 19:17, 18; also see 19:33, 34).

"What doth the Lord require of thee, but to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God?" (Micah 6:8).

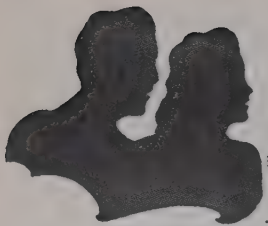
Review also Proverbs 25:21, 22, and compare with Matthew 5:44.

The Books of Jonah and of Ruth protest race prejudice and hatred of the Gentiles. It was significant for the Old Testament writer to remind his people that Ruth, from Moab, had been received into a "first family" of the Jews and became an ancestress of their great King David.

Social justice in its earlier development is often associated with Amos (2:6; 4:1; 5:6-15; 8:4-7). But read also Isaiah 1:4, 13-20; 3:13-15; Jeremiah 22:3; Zechariah 7:9, 10; Proverbs 22:2, 9, 16, 22, 23.

Righteousness and justice, until the coming of Jesus the Messiah, were viewed as more idealistic and visionary than the strict disciplines as to foods, sacrifices, tithing of even the herbs (Luke 11:42), and Sabbath observance. To be "right with God" was commonly seen as a matter of ceremonial correctness, ignoring neighborly living.

Jesus Christ brings man a new Covenant, under which God the Father again commands that His children live as brothers. Matthew 5 in particular gives ethics for the Kingdom of God. He will seal this Covenant with His death, which is for all men.



For Christ and the Church

No. 2 in a Series: "Christian Endeavor Week—Youth Week"

Romans 12:1
(Christian Endeavor Sunday)

Senior-Young People (15-24 Years)

FEBRUARY

Comments by Rev. Ellis R. Shaw*

Aim of the Meeting

1. To rethink some of the basic principles of Christian Endeavor as set forth by Dr. Francis E. Clark 77 years ago.

2. To rededicate ourselves to Jesus Christ for more effective daily living.

Preparation for the Meeting

The meeting is to be a candlelight consecration service in which the four cardinal principles of Christian Endeavor will be emphasized. The following equipment will be needed: (1) A worship center featuring a picture of Christ and, if possible, a picture or replica of your church. (2) Enough candles for all the group plus one large and four medium sized candles. Place the large and four medium sized candles in holders to one side of the picture of Christ. (3) Place a birthday cake with the numeral 77 on it in front of the picture of Christ.

Publicity

Urge your Pastor to publicize this meeting in the church bulletin and from the pulpit. Purchase special bulletins for use in the society and church service. Also order the Christian Endeavor Week Packet for many helpful ideas. Send orders to International Society of Christian Endeavor, 1221 East Broad Street, Columbus 16, Ohio.

Display a poster not later than Sunday, January 26, with a picture of your church and a list of the major events of Christian Endeavor Week.

Suggested Meeting Outline

Pre-prayer Service

Hymn: *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name*
Prayer

Announcements and Offering

Leader's Introduction

First Reader—Romans 10:9-11

First Speaker—Confession of Christ

Hymn: *O Jesus, I Have Promised*

Second Reader—Romans 12:1, 2

Second Speaker—Service for Christ

Hymn: *In the Service of the King*

Third Reader—John 15:5-8

Third Speaker—Loyalty to Christ's Church

Hymn: *The Church's One Foundation*

Fourth Reader—I John 1:6, 7

Fourth Speaker—Fellowship With Christ's People

Hymn: *Blest Be the Tie*

Consecration Service (Prayer, Reciting of Pledge, Roll Call with members responding with a testimony, after which they will light a candle and place it on the birthday cake).

Closing Hymn: *Just as I Am*
Benediction

Leader's Introduction

Tonight we join with Christian Endeavorers all over the world to celebrate the *Mr. Shaw is minister of Brooklyn Heights Presbyterian Church, San Diego, California.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Your society can join in the birthday celebration for Christian Endeavor's 77th anniversary. Why not designate the offering at your weekly meeting or at some special event as a birthday gift. Send it to the International Society of Christian Endeavor, 1221 East Broad Street, Columbus 16, Ohio.

77th anniversary of the founding of this great youth movement by Dr. Francis E. Clark in 1881. It is our purpose to stress those things which are basic in Christian Endeavor by reviewing the four cardinal principles: (1) Confession of Christ, (2) Service for Christ, (3) Loyalty to Christ's Church, (4) Fellowship with Christ's People. As this meeting progresses may we give ourselves more than ever to His sovereign Lordship.

First Speaker

(Lights a medium sized candle.)

I light this candle to symbolize the first cardinal principle of Christian Endeavor, "Confession of Christ." It is supremely important to confess Jesus Christ as Saviour and Lord. Jesus said, "Whosoever therefore shall confess Me before men, him will I confess before My Father who is in heaven" (Matthew 10:32). If we love someone truly, we will want to talk about that one. If Christ is in our heart, and we love Him, others will know it.

In prayer meeting one night a young man, who recently had become a Christian, stood up to tell how it happened. "I picked out a man in our church whom I admired; unknown to him, I watched that man in his business life, his home life, his social life, and his church life. Literally I subjected that man to microscopic scrutiny. I am glad to say he was real for God; he confessed Him before others by word and by life. As the result I was led to make my own decision for Christ."

Remember Romans 10:9! There must be a ready confession with the lips and the life!

Second Speaker

(Lights a medium sized candle.)

I light this candle to symbolize the second cardinal principle of Christian Endeavor, "Service for Christ."

There are so many things we can do for Christ: singing in the choir, distributing

hymn books, running errands for the minister, calling on prospects, helping to keep the church clean, witnessing for Christ.

Three preachers and a Christian layman were riding together on a train. One of them brought up the subject of witnessing and the ministers admitted that it was not easy to talk to another individual about his relationship to Christ. While they were discussing the difficulties involved, the layman slipped away from them and, going down the aisle, engaged a soldier in conversation that led to a presentation of the Gospel. Is it any wonder that there were three red-faced ministers who said, "Master, the Lord forgive us. We three preachers sit here talking about soul winning, and this layman goes and does it."

The best way to learn to swim is to get in the water and swim. The best way to serve Christ is to get busy and serve Him. "Who then is willing to consecrate himself to service this day unto the Lord?" (I Chronicles 29:5).

Third Speaker

(Lights a medium sized candle.)

I light this candle to symbolize the third cardinal principle, "Loyalty to Christ's Church."

Christian Endeavor has enjoyed a glorious relationship to the Church in the past, but what about the future? The answer to that depends on you and me. Loyalty is one of the biggest words in the English language. If we promise to be loyal to Christ and the Church that means we will give Christ first place in our lives always and that we will strive to do always those things that please Him. What are some of those things that please Him?

1. Be proud of your church and speak up on its behalf.

2. Back up your minister and your sponsors.

3. Attend your church, your Sunday school, and your Christian Endeavor group faithfully. Never forget Revelation 2:10 which instructs us to be faithful unto death.

Fourth Speaker

(Lights a medium sized candle.)

I light this candle to symbolize the fourth cardinal principle, "Fellowship with Christ's People."

The ecumenical movement and ecumenicality are important phrases today. Church leaders are stressing the need to fellowship with those of other denominations, creeds, and nationalities. This is excellent, but it is not a new idea. For 77 years Christian Endeavor has been preaching and teaching this doctrine. Souls are not segregated by color lines or creed lines. To God all souls look the same; they are black with sin and need Christ's blessed salvation.

So let us fellowship with all Christians. We dare not consort with the crowd that disowns Jesus. We will stand up and be counted with those that honor His dear Name.

From the Bible

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| T., Jan. 28. | Christian Cornerstone. | I Peter 2:6,7. |
| W., Jan. 29. | Christian Confession. | Romans 10:9,10. |
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For Christ and the Church

No. 2 in a Series: "For Christ and the Church"

Romans 12:1
(Christian Endeavor Sunday)



Intermediate (12-14 Years)

FEBRUARY 2

Comments by Frances M. Becker*

It Began

Twenty-seven years ago, in the city of Portland, Maine, Christian Endeavor was born. Dr. Francis E. Clark, who founded Christian Endeavor, saw it as an organization through which young people would find their rightful place in the church. Working with his own young people, the Christian Endeavor society of the Williston Congregational Church began to put Dr. Clark's ideas into practice. With much prayer, work, dedication, and enthusiasm, the young society began to grow and in 1889 Dr. Clark suggested that the motto of Christian Endeavor might be "For Christ and the Church." That theme has been a rallying cry for Christian young people down through the years until we came to it from 1957 to 1959 as the challenge of the International Society of Christian Endeavor.

It Survived

Nothing really lasts unless there is a need for it and there was a need for Christian Endeavor. Young people, who were once the "seen but not heard" department of church life, now began to assume an active leadership role within the church. Christian Endeavor became a service organization serving young people of the church, winning them for Christ and training them for His service. Christian Endeavor began to spread from church to church, from state to state, from country to country until today, 1958, it has encircled the globe and the words "Christian Endeavor" describe its growth. "For Christ and the Church" has fulfilled a need in the lives of young people and that need is present today in the hearts of thousands of others who should know Christ and be trained to serve Him.

What It Demands

Like any organization which is worth anything, Christian Endeavor has principles which its young people are guided by. You as a Christian Endeavorer should know these principles so well that with assurance you can convince others of the values of this organization. Christian Endeavor stands for: 1. *Confession of Christ*—People should know you are a Christian because you are, you have said so, and you live accordingly. Now we realize that not one of us is perfect but at least we have a goal in mind when we repeat the first section of the Christian Endeavor pledge which says "Trusting in the Lord Jesus Christ for strength, I promise Him that I will strive to do whatever He would have me do."

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THE C. E. PIN

By W. J. Eldridge

In my travels and rambles I constantly meet,
'Mid the numberless persons I pass on the street,
Some, who, though they are strangers, yet
Seem to me kin;
They're the people who wear the well-known
C. E. Pin.

There are badges of honor they wear for display,
There are badges of clubs to which gold buys the way,
But there's none that attracts with a force from within,
Like our dear little emblem, the plain C. E. Pin.

In the vast jostling tumult I hurry along;
There are poor, there are rich, there are weak ones and strong,
But I know not the good from the servant of sin,
Till I chance on a wearer of that C. E. Pin.

In that badge I can read of a life that is given,
To the service of Christ and the winning of heaven,
And the wearer's kind friendship I'm eager to win,
For we're brothers in Christ with the grand C. E. Pin.

2. *Service for Christ*—If we have accepted Christ as Saviour then we will want to do something about it. Christ commands us with words of action to serve in His vineyard. He says, "Go," "Tell," "Feed," but in order to serve effectively and efficiently we need to be trained. Christian Endeavor is the training school for Christian service. Many a minister and lay worker thanks Christian Endeavor today for training received yesterday.

3. *Loyalty to Christ's Church*—Most of us serve Christ through an organization, which for Christian Endeavorers is the local church in which the society operates. Because there is a Christian Endeavor society in your church, there should be many more trained young people for your church to call upon eventually to assume the many positions necessary for effective Christian ministry.

For Daily Meditation

- M., Jan. 27. Walk with Christ. Colossians 2:6,7.
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4. *Fellowship with Christ's People*—One of the greatest blessings which comes to us as Christian Endeavorers is the opportunity of meeting with, praying with, working with, and having a good time with others of Christ's family. Through Christian Endeavor we build and experience a oneness of Christian purpose with Christian people of other lands, races, languages, and denominations which makes us united through Christ.

It's Personal

The nice part about all these principles, the motto, and the pledge is that they form part of a personal relationship which you have with God. You as an individual have to take a stand for Christ. No one else can do it for you. It's your decision and after you have accepted Him, He personally guides, directs, leads, strengthens, and blesses. You are no longer on your own. You're trusting Him for strength.

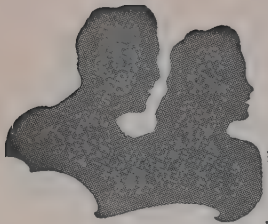
What Are You Going to Do?

In *Christian Endeavor Essentials* it says "God's wisdom is not available for a lazy or a careless mind." We have to be willing to do something about Christian Endeavor and do it to the best of our abilities. Here are some things you can do.

1. Take an active part in whatever your society does. Don't say "no."
2. Find out as much about Christian Endeavor as you can so you can talk about it intelligently.
3. Buy a copy of *Christian Endeavor Essentials* and organize a group to study about Christian Endeavor.
4. Have your society assume certain responsibilities in the church.
5. Put as much planning and preparation into what you do for Christian Endeavor as for the most important activity in your life.

Hints for the Meeting

1. Make your meeting a birthday celebration for Christian Endeavor with all the trimmings. Have a cake and let the candles represent the four principles.
2. Send out invitations beforehand to the Christian Endeavor birthday party. This is a good time to invite new people so they'll get to know Christian Endeavor right away.
3. Invite the person in your church who has been in Christian Endeavor the longest to tell in a few minutes what the organization has meant to him.
4. This would be a good time to take in any new members, making it an important birthday for them.
5. Some songs to sing (found in *Christian Endeavor Songs*) would be *For Christ and the Church*, *Christian Endeavor*, *Living for Jesus*, and *He Lives*.
6. Distribute little home-made birthday favors to each person attending. In the center of each place a little note telling each person what his part in the meeting is to be (i.e., read the Scripture, give a sentence prayer, take the offering, etc.).



God Plans the World

No. 1 in a Series: "Thinking God's Thoughts"

Genesis 1:1,2,26,27,31; Psalm 8:1,3-9

Senior-Young People (15-24 Years)

FEBRUARY

Comments by Dr. Samuel S. Haas*

In the Beginning

Not only do these words open the Bible; they also suggest that the sincere searcher after God's truth should start out aright in his reading of it so that he does not miss the vital in fruitless concern about the vain. To begin aright means to recognize certain facts which immediately raises this study out of the realm of pointless argumentation into that of spiritual discernment.

The first fact to keep clearly in mind is that the Bible does not pretend to be a book on science. Its purpose is to reveal God, His will, what man is, and his relation to his Creator and to his fellow man. These truths are presented in terms of the knowledge and experiences of men at the time they were revealed and set down for posterity. Man's knowledge and experience have grown but the truths of God's revelation are the same. Though today we may not state them in the same fashion, they would be the same spiritual truths however phrased. Is a diamond any less a precious gem because it is set in brass rather than platinum? Thus, to become involved in the scientific accuracy of the opening chapter of Genesis is to violate its intent and engage in the absurd.

Closely allied with this is the recognition that the proper domain of science is natural phenomena, things as they are, as they occur in the world about us. Science, properly speaking, cannot deal with origins. To put it another way, science can deal only with the "how" but never the "why." Once it ventures into the "why" it ceases to be science and becomes philosophy. The scientific account of creation is written in the crust of the earth by the finger of God, and is now being deciphered by curious man. The religious account was written in Genesis, simple and understandable by all—if they will but believe.

Finally, let it be clearly kept in mind that in dealing with ultimate truth the language of poetry, not prose, is required. To express spiritual truth only image and symbolism are fit vehicles, the language of poetry, and such truth can be grasped only by the imagination. To read and treat this chapter as prose is as devastating to its purpose, beauty and truth as to try to paraphrase Keat's *Ode to a Grecian Urn*. In fact, it has been pointed out, and rightly so, that this chapter is a litany intended for use in the sanctuary in praise of God and His wonderful works and workings. The formalism of the language, the order and arrangement of the six days of creation into three sets of pairs, and the regular use of the refrain all point to this as its form and usage.

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QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION

1. Can you show from reading Genesis 1:1-2:4 how the personality and qualities of God set forth in this lesson were derived?
2. In what ways can an individual show his love to God in his daily life?

God

We come now to the One who dominates the chapter, the One whose presence is here explicit, the One whose presence is always implicit throughout the pages of Holy Writ. What are we to believe about Him?

- a. God is one, not many, not one among many.
- b. God is pre-eminently a Person, not a thing, not an impersonal force but One who thinks, feels, and wills.
- c. God is all-powerful, able to do all things.
- d. God is all-wise.
- e. God is transcendent, that is, standing above and apart from that which He has made and not to be identified with it.
- f. God is immanent, that is, vitally interested and active in that which He has made.
- g. God is good in that everything needful for the life and existence of each created thing is present in His world.
- h. God is just in that He does not expect of that which He has made anything other than He intended when He created each.
- i. God is the Creator of man, the crown of His creation yet, like all He made, dependent upon and responsible to Him.

Created the Heavens and the Earth

Having made all things and in the making having revealed Himself abundantly, what does this mean for each of us? It means:

- a. I am a person, not a thing, who can think God's thoughts, feel the same emotions, do His bidding. I am a person who can have intimate and satisfying fellowship with Him which I need if I am to be my best, do my best, and realize the best that He desires for me. As Saint Augustine has phrased it: "Thou hast made us and Thine we are so that our souls can find no rest until they find their rest in Thee."
- b. I am a responsible person. I bear within me the image of my Creator which means, among other things, that I am endowed with free will. It lies within me to accept or reject God's desire of me, for which choice I must also bear the responsibility.

Bible Passages

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| M., Feb. 3. | Creation in God's Mind. | Romans 11:33-36. |
| T., Feb. 4. | Creation by God's Word. | Hebrews 11:3. |
| W., Feb. 5. | Creation of Wisdom. | Job 28:24-27. |
| T., Feb. 6. | Made for God Himself. | Proverbs 16:1-4. |
| F., Feb. 7. | Christ in Creation. | Hebrews 1:1,2. |
| S., Feb. 8. | Preservation. | Nehemiah 9:6. |
| Sun., Feb. 9. | Topic—God Plans the World. | Genesis 1:1, 2, 26, 27, 31; Psalm 8:1, 3-9. |

c. I am a responsible person who have infinite concern to Him. All that is need for my well-being in body and spirit has supplied so that I lack for no thing. He watches over me, He guides. He strives with me to perfect me. The incarnation of God in Jesus Christ in order to redeem me from the wages of sin the supreme evidence of how much concern I am to His heart.

d. I am a responsible person who have infinite concern to Him because I have eternal purpose to fulfill. As a well-known hymn phrases it:

"A charge to keep I have,
A God to glorify,
A never dying soul to save,
And fit it for the sky."

And Behold, It Was Very Good

Since God is pre-eminently love as Incarnation reveals, the why of all this made plain. Love, in order to express itself requires another who can receive it and respond in love. Love can exist in a vacuum. It is a creative force which is itself renewed by the response of love in that which it creates. But it is alone of all that which was made can respond in love since he alone bears the image of His Maker. All else was made a fitting abode for him. Therefore, it only as man answers God's love with love that the purpose of God in creation can truly be fulfilled. Psalm 8 is one such expression of love to his Creator.

Worship Suggestions

Hymns: *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*, *Praise to the Lord, This Is My Father's World*, *O Worship the King, Now Thank We All Our God, For the Beauty of the Earth*.

Scripture lessons or Responsive readings: Number 1, 2, 12 in *Youth Hymns*.

Call to worship: O come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the Lord our Maker. For He is our God; as we are the people of His pasture, and the sheep of His hand.

Illustration

The most popular musical play in New York is *My Fair Lady*. This is based upon George Bernard Shaw's play *Pygmalion*, which, in turn, is derived from a Greek legend. We are told that Pygmalion, a king of Cyprus, created out of ivory a statue of a beautiful maiden. So lovely was she that he fell in love with her. But as long as she remained a statue Pygmalion's love was vain. Not until Aphrodite gave life to the statue in answer to his fervent prayers was his love rewarded by a corresponding affection. Then did it find fulfillment because a creature capable of love received it and returned it in equal measure. Such is love. Such is God's love expressing itself in creating man and his suitable abode in the expectation of a loving response. Only such a response of love to our Maker can we realize to the full the purpose of His creation and our noble and eternal destiny.

Jesus—His Obedience

No. 1 in a Series: "Understanding Jesus Christ"

Luke 2:52; John 14:31; John 15:10



Intermediate (12-14 Years)

FEBRUARY 9

Comments by Dr. Jerome DeJong*

Program Suggestions

Use such hymns as *Trust and Obey* and in many hymnals. Hymns ought to show the theme of obedience. In *Youth Hymns* such hymns as *Trusting in Jesus* and *Follow, I Will Follow Thee* are excellent. A good concluding consecration hymn is *O Jesus, I Have Promised*. A prominent theme ought to be given to the Christian Endeavor pledge in this meeting because it accentuates the theme of obedience to Jesus Christ. Another excellent hymn that has the application of this topic is *O Master Workman of the Race*. Suggested Scripture lesson is Luke 2:41-52.

Introducing the Topic

Suggest in advance that several of the young people find statements about Jesus Christ. If these are statements of criticism have them read first. Have the noblest statements read last. Suggestions for the sources of such statements: history books, encyclopedias, books on religion, denominational magazines, and the Bible. After these statements have all been read you may proceed to the topic discussion.

Jesus Christ as a Person

After having heard the various statements of men about Jesus Christ, there can be little doubt in our minds but that He is the most important figure in all of history. In fact, a careful glance at the calendar will show us that all time is dated before Christ, B.C., or in the year of our Lord, A.D. We understand from all this that Jesus was a great man. He was a good man, a wise prophet, a wonderful companion, and an excellent example. However, the Bible is not satisfied yet for it insists that Jesus Christ was the Son of God (Read Matthew 16:16). To Him are ascribed all the characteristics of deity and He calls Himself equal to the Father (Read John 10:30; John 14:7-9; Hebrews 1).

It is the affirmation of the Christian Church in the Apostle's Creed and the Nicene Creed (325 A.D.) that Jesus Christ is the Son of God, equal to God Himself, one of the three persons in the holy trinity.

Jesus Christ and Obedience

If all that we have said about Jesus Christ is true, why did He have to learn to obey? The answer to that question must be found in Romans 5:17-19. In this passage we read of sin and disobedience to God. Because God hates sin and punishes it, it is necessary for someone to give obedience to God for sin. Jesus, therefore, showed His perfect obedience all His life long.

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OUR AIMS

1. To better understand the person of Jesus and His example for obedience.
2. To understand more fully the deep-seated necessity of the obedience of Jesus.
3. To examine our own obedience to those in authority over us.

QUESTIONS

1. Why was Jesus called the Son of God and the Son of Man?
2. In what way was Jesus an example? Why is He more than an example?
3. Why must Christians learn obedience?
4. Is it helpful for your character to do something that is hard to do?
5. Who must I obey? May I ever refuse to obey?

Have someone read Luke 2:51, 52. In this passage we see the Saviour obedient to His mother and Joseph. In the simple tasks of the carpenter shop Jesus was obedient and subject to those over Him. Do you suppose Jesus ever tired of this obedience? Remember, He was God's Son; why should He obey His earthly parents?

As we follow the career of Jesus in the Bible we are continually aware of His obedience to God. You remember that when they wanted to accuse Him at the time of His trial they could find nothing to accuse him of. Of course, they were not happy that Jesus did not obey the commands of the rulers of the Sanhedrin, yet Jesus had a higher allegiance (Read John 14:31). Here Jesus reminds His followers that all His life long He was obedient to God. This obedience of the Saviour helps us to understand the meaning of a hard passage in Tuesday's Bible reading, Hebrews 5:8, 9.

Jesus Teaches Us Obedience

From the obedience of Jesus we must learn to obey. It is important to remember that Jesus helps us to be obedient. Do you think it is easy to obey? Do you find it hard to do what others tell you?

Jesus teaches us to obey God. He gives us a willingness to be obedient to Him. He teaches us a true desire to follow God. This is important to remember. No one can really obey God unless Jesus teaches him

this obedience. Our natural selves make us want to disobey God's commandments. As young people we ought to ask God to teach us to obey.

What Kind of Obedience?

Jesus teaches us, first of all, to obey God and keep His commandments (see John 15:10). Why should we obey God? Because we are afraid of Him? Because we will be lost if we do not? Because we love Him? True obedience grows out of love for God.

Consider this illustration. A young man enters the service and must go through all kinds of maneuvers. Finally the time comes for him to go to war. Many of the commands of the officers do not make sense to him. Should he obey? If so, why? Is he not free to do as he pleases? Why not? Furthermore, we might ask, why does he obey? Because he loves the sergeant? Or because he loves his country? You see, the deepest basis of obedience is love!

After we have learned to love and obey God we must learn to be obedient in our everyday relationships. God has placed us under authority. Parents are our leaders and by obeying them we learn how to live properly. Now we may not always accept with equal joy what our parents want us to do. Sometimes we think they are old-fashioned and out of date. However, they know more than we even suspect at the present time. We must also learn to be obedient to our school teachers who stand in the place of parents during school hours. We also need to learn proper respect and obedience to law officers and other officials.

The only time that there is a question about obedience is when it conflicts with the clearly expressed will of God. You might spend a few moments discussing this possibility.

Concluding the Service

As previously suggested, this might be a good time to repeat the Christian Endeavor pledge together. If your hymnal includes the hymn by George Matheson, *Make Me a Captive, Lord*, sing it; otherwise let the verse be repeated together.

"Make me a captive, Lord,
And then I shall be free;
Force me to render up my sword,
And I shall conqueror be."

From God's Word

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| M., Feb. 3. | Jesus and Man's Righteousness. | Romans 5:17-19. |
| T., Feb. 4. | Perfection through Obedience. | Hebrews 5:8,9. |
| W., Feb. 5. | Thy Will, Not Mine. | Matthew 26:36-44. |
| T., Feb. 6. | Wisdom of Obedience. | Proverbs 6:20-23. |
| F., Feb. 7. | Joy in Obedience. | Psalms 40:7-9. |
| S., Feb. 8. | Obedience Commanded. | Ephesians 6:1-3. |
| Sun., Feb. 9. | Topic—Jesus—His Obedience. | Luke 2:52; John 14:31; John 15:10. |

Hymns listed in program outlines in THE CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR WORLD have been selected from YOUTH HYMNS, published by the International Society of Christian Endeavor.



God Sees Man's Failure

No. 2 in a Series: "Thinking God's Thoughts"

Genesis 3:8-13; Genesis 4:8-10; Deuteronomy 9:18

Senior-Young People (15-24 Years)

FEBRUARY

Comments by Dr. Samuel S. Haas

Now and Then

When one compares what conditions were like in the first and second chapters of Genesis with what they are like today the question that naturally arises is, "What happened?" When one compares Adam and Eve in the garden with man and woman in the world today the same question presents itself. Between then and now something terrible must have taken place to alter conditions and people to the extent that a comparison of the Garden of Eden with the Garden of Gethsemane so strikingly reveals. Instead of the harmony which prevailed between the Creator and His Creation and between man and nature and between man and man we see all about us friction, discord, and strife. How is one to explain this startling change?

The Explanation

The answer is to be found in the second and third chapters of the book of Genesis. There we read that when God created man He "breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul." This is but another way of putting what is said in the first chapter of Genesis: "So God created man in His own image," since only of man are these phrases used in describing the work of God's creation. These distinctive descriptions show that man is unique among all created things and so is, in very truth, the crowning work of God's creative activity.

What is meant by these distinctive descriptive words as applied to man? It means fundamentally that of all created things man alone can have intimate fellowship with his Creator. Man alone can hold conversation with God. Man alone is given the responsibility of conscious choice. He alone can disobey the Creator's will if he so chooses. Thus, man alone is conscious of his responsibility before God, knows that he stands in the presence and under the judgment of God.

To see how well man would respond to his intended destiny God placed him in "paradise," that is, in blessed fellowship with God and in the enjoyment of the multitude of riches of His creation. In that garden grew two special trees. The one is called "the tree of life"; the other, "the tree of the knowledge of good and evil." The first symbolizes man's unbroken communion with God which is true immortality. The other symbolizes human experience in its entirety, that is, the knowledge that comes from doing everything, good and bad. The use of the antonyms "good and bad" is the Hebraic way of saying "all." Such sharing in human experience in its entirety would involve mortality so that then man would have to die.

In order to prove man as to whether he would fulfill God's intent in creating him or not, God placed him in the presence of choice. He was permitted to eat of

QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION

1. When in the presence of temptation what means have we at our command to help us conquer?
2. In Ezekiel's day this adage was popular: "The fathers have eaten sour grapes and the children's teeth are set on edge." What was this an attempt to do? Is there any truth in this saying?
3. Young people today in order to be popular are under strong pressure, so they say, to do things that are highly questionable. What would be your answer when faced with such a situation? What would be a safe guiding rule to follow?
4. How can this pressure be reversed so that to be popular would mean doing what is acceptable in the sight of God? What can you as individuals and as a group do to create such a situation?

everything except the fruit of "the tree of knowledge."

It was in the presence of this choice, to obey God's command or to disobey it, that man failed. He chose to do what he wanted, not what God had requested of him. In choosing of his own accord to please himself rather than to please God he destroyed that confidence each had had in the other so that intimate fellowship in love could no longer prevail. Man failed God and created in the process a barrier he has been unable to overcome in order to re-establish that relationship of oneness with his Creator which only the free and willing response of obedience and trust and love can sustain.

The Reason

Why did man choose to follow his own desire rather than the desire of God? The answer to this question is the same now as it was then. It too is found in this story. If you will read the words of the serpent to Eve in Genesis 3:4, 5, you will discover the explanation. Man's sin is a twofold process. It begins by distrusting God, thinking that God is not to be believed when He expresses Himself in law and command. As the serpent subtly insinuates: "Ye shall not surely die." Thus does he sow the seed of doubt as to the divine veracity.

Coupled with this doubt of the truth of God's words is the element of pride, the desire to put oneself in the place of God, to feel no sense of dependence upon anyone but self, or, as W. E. Henley's braggart lines in *Invictus* express it: "I am the master of my fate, I am the captain of my pride: . . . ye shall be as gods, knowing

good and evil." The source of every evil that which alienates man from God, honestly analyzed will be revealed as belief in God's trustworthiness closely linked with conceit in one's own wisdom and importance which is pride.

The Consequences

Once God's command was broken the free exercise of man's power to choose the inevitable happened: shame ("I knew that they were naked"), guilt ("Adam and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God"), shifting responsibility ("The woman whom Thou gavest to be with me, she gave me of the tree, and I did eat"), and punishment (banishment from the garden with its "tree of life," the symbol of immortality, that intimate and satisfying fellowship and communion with God), see Genesis 3:24.

Such is the seriousness and the consequence of sin—one's choice to disobey God in order to satisfy self. How can there be any real oneness between God and an individual who doubts that what He forbids or requests is for his own present and eternal well-being? How can there be deep satisfying companionship between God and one who thinks he knows what is best for himself and is ever trying to usurp God's place? It is only because God loves us in spite of our sins that we can take heart. It is when we feel shame and remorse and would be delivered from the burden of our waywardness by drawing near to God that He draws near to us, making possible once again the enjoyment of His favor and blessing. Just as God clothed Adam and Eve, so can our shame be effectively removed by Him against whom we have sinned, when we repent. His forgiveness will not restore us to pristine innocence, but it will enable us to live at peace with God.

Worship Suggestions

Call to Worship: The Lord is nigh unto all them that call upon Him, to all that call upon Him in truth. He will fulfill the desire of them that fear Him: He also will hear their cry, and will save them. O Thou that hearest prayer, unto Thee shall all flesh come.

Scripture: Romans 1:18-25 (R.S.V.)
Responsive Reading: Selection No. 6 or
Hymns: *Lord of All Being, Throned Above God the Omnipotent; This Is My Father's World; There's a Wideness in God's Mercy*

Illustration

Leo Tolstoy, one of pre-Communist Russia's literary giants, in one of his stories tells of a Russian nobleman coming up to one of his older servants as he was carrying out his arduous labors mumbling to himself: "Why did Adam have to sin? Why did Adam have to sin?"

"Why?" replied the nobleman. "Come with me." So he took the old servant

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Daily Devotional Readings

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| M., Feb. 10. What is Sin? | Romans 7:13-25. |
| T., Feb. 11. Lack of Faith. | Romans 14:22, 23. |
| W., Feb. 12. Failure to Do Our Best. | James 4:17. |
| T., Feb. 13. Despising Our Neighbor. | Proverbs 14:21. |
| F., Feb. 14. All have Sinned. | Romans 3:20-23. |
| S., Feb. 15. Cleansing Needed. | Psalms 51:1-10. |
| Sun., Feb. 16. Topic—God Sees Man's Failure. | Genesis 3:8-13; 4:8-10; Deuteronomy 9:18. |
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Jesus—His First Commandment

No. 2 in a Series: "Understanding Jesus Christ"

Matthew 22:35-38; Deuteronomy 10:12



Intermediate (12-14 Years)

FEBRUARY 16

Comments by Dr. Jerome DeJong

Leader's Introduction

Ask several young people present to give their definition of Christianity. It would be interesting to bring responses from people in general. There are many who will speak of Christianity as "Loving one's neighbor," or "Practicing the golden rule." This is important but the leader should point out that the first thing is to love God.

Jesus and the Commandments

Read Matthew 22:35-38. In this passage Jesus asks Jesus the question about the first commandment of all. In Jesus' day the Jews, in their laws, had 613 commandments. Placing one above the other was a struggle. Discuss for a moment how emphasis on one law might lead to disrespect for another. But Jesus summarizes the commandments and states the first and greatest of all. We need such a divine summary of God's laws even today. Having many rules tends to confuse us. A Christian must be directed, first of all, by love to God.

The Great Commandment

How can the sailor be sure that his compass is right? He checks by the stars. Even the Christian, in order to steer his life right, must look up. It is not enough to be in relation to one another; we must also be in our relation to God. If we understand God's will for us then we are better able to love others.

Learning to Love God

Discuss for a moment how we learn to love and respect someone: (1) we must get them; (2) learn to know one another; (3) discover our mutual interests. To love and we must learn to know Him and trust in Him. Only then can we really love Him. We learn to know God in the revelation of Himself in Jesus Christ. Read John 1:18; 9. Jesus reveals in His own life His love and obedience to God and thus teaches us also to love God. We learn to love God when we read the Bible and learn of His great love for us. God's love is also apparent in His creation. We obey the will of God we learn to love Him more and more.

Living God Fully

The Bible tells us we must love God with our whole being: heart, and soul, and mind. Pause to consider that real love includes the whole person. We cannot be divided in our loyalties. Jesus Himself said, "I cannot serve two masters." Loving with the heart is an emotional thing. To love with the soul represents love of the deepest part of man. To love with the mind means to think thoughts that please God.

AIMS

1. To study Jesus in the light of what He taught us concerning our love for God.
2. To try to understand how important our love to God is.
3. To see that Good minus God is O.

DISCUSSION TOPICS

1. Why is it not enough for people to do the best they can?
2. Will those who do good, give large gifts to fine organizations and churches, therefore go to heaven?
3. Can we love our neighbor if we do not love God?
4. Are the Ten Commandments out of date?

Love and Forgiveness

We do not always love God as we ought to. Oftentimes we fail Him. But the love of God forgives our lack of love. "We love Him, because He first loved us" (I John 4:19). God must help us to love Him. Read Thursday's daily reading, II Thessalonians 3:4, 5.

Love and Hope

Read Jude 20 and 21. The love of God helps us to look to the future with confidence, knowing that God will reward with eternal life our obedient love to Him.

Loving God and Keeping His Commandments

When Jesus speaks of loving God and our neighbor, we call this the summary of the law. By this we mean a summary of the Ten Commandments. Most Christians feel that the Ten Commandments are still valid for Christians. These commandments are divided by Protestants into two tables, the first four commandments dealing with our love to God and the other six dealing with our love to our fellow men. In thinking of these commandments we think of what we should *not* do. Let us consider how we may show our love to God through obeying these commandments.

Commandment I, No Other Gods. How do we show our love to God? By loving Him alone? Discuss together how this commandment shows our love to God. a) Are there other gods? b) What of other religions? c) Why should we worship only the God of Christendom? d) Do we have other gods in our lives?

Bible Meditations

- M., Feb. 10. Love God. Deuteronomy 6:4-6.
T., Feb. 11. A Reminder to Love God. Joshua 22:5.
W., Feb. 12. A Reward for Loving God. Psalm 31:23.
T., Feb. 13. God Helps Us to Love Him. II Thessalonians 3:4, 5.
F., Feb. 14. Love and Expectation. Jude 20, 21.
S., Feb. 15. Love for God Revealed. Hebrews 6:10, 11.
Sun., Feb. 16. Topic—Jesus—His First Commandment. Matthew 22:35-38; Deuteronomy 10:12.

Commandment II. No Idolatry. Discuss how the keeping of this commandment shows our love to God.

- a) What is an idol? b) Do we have idols? c) How do idols of a god displace God?

Commandment III. God's Name. Discuss how this commandment teaches us to love God.

- a) How do we take God's name in vain? b) What is swearing? c) How does it dishonor God?

Commandment IV. God's Day. Show how the observance of this day shows our love for Him.

- a) Why is this day special? b) Why should one day be God's? c) How do we dishonor God on this day?

Closing the Service

Seek to summarize what it means to love God. Read together Deuteronomy 6:4-6. Ask God to help you learn to love Him.

Program Suggestions

- Opening Hymn: *Praise to the Lord.*
Call to Worship: Read Deuteronomy 6:4-6.
Scripture: Matthew 22:34-40
Sentence Prayers
Hymn: *O Worship the King*
Topic Presentation
Hymn of Consecration: *Lord, Speak to Me*
Christian Endeavor Benediction

Senior-Young People's Topic

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the manor house and gave him a room there for himself. Later, he returned to the room carrying in his hand a plate with an overturned bowl resting upon it which he placed on a small table. Turning to the servant he said, "I am going to allow you to live in this room of my house for the rest of your life. You will never have to work again. Everything you need will be brought to you. There is only one condition I place upon you. You must never lift that bowl to see what is under it. If you do, then you must return to your chores and your humble abode." Having thus instructed his servant, he departed.

The first day all went well. On the second day the old man became curious about the bowl, wondering why he must not look under it. The following day he could no longer restrain his curiosity. Lifting up the bowl cautiously to see what was under it he was startled when a little mouse darted out and scampered away. So shaken was he that he dropped the bowl with a clatter and it was shattered. Hearing the noise the nobleman came into the room, knowing what had happened. "Now," said the nobleman, "you know. Go back to your work and don't blame Adam."

Thus did that Russian landowner teach his servant, and each of us, that any one of us placed in Adam's situation would have probably done no better and thus underscored the truth that sin is a personal choice and so a personal responsibility, something that we cannot blame upon others.



God Plans Man's Redemption

No. 3 in a Series: "Thinking God's Thoughts"

Genesis 3:15; Galatians 3:13; Colossians 2:13,14

Senior-Young People (15-24 Years)

FEBRUARY

Comments by Dr. Samuel S. Haas

The Clue

Two incidents in the life of Jesus give us the clue as to how God was working to accomplish man's redemption, ever since the expulsion of Adam and Eve from "paradise," that is, being in blessed fellowship with God and enjoying aright the multitude of riches of His creation. The first is found in Jesus' answer to the deputation sent by John the Baptist who, in prison, was wondering whether he had been right about Jesus as the long-expected Deliverer of his people. In replying Jesus pointed out how literally His work was fulfilling the pattern of the Messiah as this had been drawn by the prophet Isaiah, quoting from his book (Isaiah 29:18 and 35:4-6).

The other incident is found in a post-resurrection event, the journey to Emmaus (Luke 24:25-27). To remove the doubts concerning His Messiahship and ease the sorrow of His loss that filled the heart and mind of two of His followers who thought that all was now over, Jesus began with Moses and continued through all the prophets, that is, the Old Testament in its entirety, showing how He had fulfilled these words with His life, suffering and death. Later, after the resurrected Jesus had departed from their company, they described their experience thus: "Did not our heart burn within us, while He talked with us by the way, and while He opened to us the scriptures?"

The Plan

Let us, therefore, trace the working out of God's plan of redemption of man from his thralldom to sin. It is a long process as viewed by humans but a necessary one from God's point of view to whom "a thousand years . . . are but as yesterday when it is passed," as we shall see.

It begins with the birth of Seth. See Genesis 4:25, 26. Why was it necessary to begin anew with Seth? Read Genesis 4:1-15.

Next comes Noah. In order to appreciate what led God to the extreme measure He took read Genesis 6:5-8, 11-22. In order to understand the purpose God sought to achieve by this drastic means read Genesis 8:20-9:17.

But God's goodly hopes of man were disappointed again. An illustration of this is found in Genesis 11:1-9. Here we see again how pride became the downfall of man. God carries through His plan on a new basis. Instead of dealing with man as a whole, He now chooses out of the human race an individual. Through Abraham and his descendants God would work out His plan of redemption. Read Genesis 12:1-4; 15:1-18.

This personal covenant in time had to be established on a larger basis as the descendants of Abraham became as numerous as the stars in the heavens. The one through whom this was to be accomplished was

SUGGESTIONS FOR THE MEETING

Assign the various personalities mentioned in this article to members of the group a week or two in advance. Let each study the biblical passages noted in the lesson in connection with each personality, with special emphasis on what each tried to do and why each failed. Then, let the leader of the evening show how Christ's coming was necessary and how He accomplished with His life, suffering, death, and resurrection the true redemption of man for time and eternity.

Moses. Read his call in Exodus 3:1-18. Through an act of redemption, a gracious one, not a merited one, God would deliver an enslaved people and establish them as a free nation bound to Him in covenant relation. From a crowd they would become a community dedicated to the service of God and exemplifying for all the world to see the truth of God and the freedom and dignity of man and nation under God. Read Exodus 19:1-20; 17; 24:1-18.

Time and again the people of this nation failed in their divinely appointed task of making God and His truth known as well as the salvation that comes only through obedience to His divine will because of their lapses of trust in the divine wisdom and conceit in their own wisdom and power—the same root of sin as with Adam and Eve. In each situation God seeks to redeem the people through a personality or an act of chastisement or discipline.

A political expedient to rescue the nation from difficulties is demanded by the people. In this situation God uses Samuel to dissuade the people and call them back to their real security, trust in God, and their real mission, not political pre-eminence but spiritual leadership. Read I Samuel 8:1-22. To salvage what was possible under the circumstances a man after God's own choosing, David, was anointed after Saul had failed. Read I Samuel 16:1-13.

Centuries followed under the monarchy in which the spiritual vitality of the nation fluctuated between the admirable and the shameful until the depths were reached during the reign of King Josiah. With the help of some dedicated religious leaders a reform was undertaken to purify the religious life and practices of the people in order to bring them into conformance with their covenant obligation. Read II Kings 22:1-23:28.

Messages from the Bible

- M., Feb. 17. The Gospel. Titus 2:11-14.
- T., Feb. 18. Salvation through Christ. I Peter 3:18-22.
- W., Feb. 19. Reconciled through Christ. Colossians 1:18-23.
- T., Feb. 20. Justification by Faith. Romans 5:1-11.
- F., Feb. 21. The Power of God. Romans 1:16, 17.
- S., Feb. 22. The Eternal Promise. John 3:14-18.
- Sun., Feb. 23. Topic—God Plans Man's Redemption. Genesis 3:15; Galatians 3:13; Colossians 2:13, 14.

But reform cannot be achieved merely by passing laws. True reformation must begin within, not without. The law of God must be written on the heart, not on tablets of stone. This Jeremiah came to realize when he saw the reformation of Josiah promisingly begun turn to nothing more than an externalization of faith. Thus he set forth his great insight in terms of the new covenant. Read Jeremiah 31:31-34. All that separates Jeremiah from the New Testament is Christ. One thing only Jesus add and that was the thought of God's cost: "This cup is the New Testament My blood."

With the failure of reform by law God allowed His people to be taken into exile so that in the fires of affliction their doom might be consumed and their gold refined. It was during this period that Ezekiel led out to the exiles a hope of national rebirth after this experience of decay and death a nation that would serve its God with newness of heart and willingness of spirit and thus fulfill its God-appointed mission. Read Ezekiel 37:1-28.

Though the promise was fulfilled, the restored nation failed to live up to God's expectations of it. Ezra attempted to revitalize the future some one hundred years later by organizing the nation on the basis of spiritual law administered by the priests. Read Nehemiah 8:1-10. But this had only brief value and proved no more effective than Josiah's reformation and for the same reasons.

In the Fullness of Time

Having tried everything else, man was ready to allow the Almighty to bring redemption in the only way possible. Man had made the weary round of form and ceremony until it seemed that the smoke of the sacrifices only darkened the skies rather than brought him nearer to the vision glorious. Man's extremity is God's opportunity. God would now do for man what he was unable to do for himself.

In the fullness of time God sent Jesus Christ. In Christ God identified Himself with man in becoming one with him without sin. In living our life among men without sinning, in dying on Calvary's cross not for any sin of His own but because of man's sin, He has destroyed the power of sin so that it is no longer a barrier between man and God. Love for each other enabled Him to do it. Only by surrendering our all to Him so that His love possesses our whole being can we be at one with God and our fellow man. Such a spiritual dwelling within us alone can enable us to destroy our doubts as to God's trustworthiness and our pride which puts self before God and others. Destroying these roots of sin by the power of His love will result in a new creature, the man God intended when He created Adam, one who lives in intimate fellowship with God, loving the

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FEBRUARY 23

Comments by Dr. Jerome DeJong

Program Suggestions

Include: *Follow, I Will Follow Thee*
Hymn: Sing the above hymn

Opening Statement: Our topic will give us an opportunity to think of service to our fellow men. We will try to understand the royal law of love.

Prayer: Lord Jesus, help us to understand the meaning of love for our fellow men in the light of our love for Thee. Help us to live the life of real loving service. In our Master's Name. Amen. Scripture: Read Matthew 22:39, 40. Have the daily Bible readings read in this order: W, F, S, T, Tu, M. Read Romans 13:8-10.

Make no comment but separate at once into buzz groups or a panel discussion. Closing Hymn: *Take My Life and Let It Be*

Christian Endeavor Benediction

the Leader

The purpose of this meeting is to help people understand the practical meaning of loving one's fellow man. If you suggest the suggestion of either the buzz session or a panel discussion be sure you discuss it carefully and try to summarize the discussion of the evening. It is profitable and find out what everyone's idea is of this subject.

Suggested Buzz Sessions

Divide your group into six separate groups. Let each group spend fifteen to twenty minutes discussing the problems assigned to that group. Have someone act as secretary and take down notes of the meeting to report to the group at large.

up 1

This group studies Commandment 6, "Thou shalt not kill." How does the love of one's fellow man rule out the necessity of such a command?

Who is our neighbor under this commandment?

What does it mean to kill? Discuss manslaughter; first and second degree murder; suicide.

What does this commandment have to say about corporal punishment?

What about hate? Driving a car?

up 2

This group studies Commandment 7, "Thou shalt not commit adultery." When we love our fellow man we respect his son and his home.

Why is the body sacred? (Note I Corinthians 6:19) All the powers of that body are God-given.

Discuss the sacredness of marriage and the home.

How does an emphasis on sex tend to destroy the good and beautiful?

How ought Christian young people conduct themselves in their dating?

AIMS

1. The main purpose of this meeting is to seek to understand how the Christian Gospel really applies to life; how we ought always to live and act as Christians.

2. To see the true meaning of "neighborliness" in Holy Scripture.

Group 3

This group studies Commandment 8, "Thou shalt not steal." What are the rights of our neighbors in the possession of property?

- What does it mean to steal?
- In how many ways can you steal? What about loafing? long coffee-breaks? cheating in school?
- How much stealing is sinful?
- Discuss embezzlement in government.

Group 4

This group is considering Commandment 9, "Thou shalt not bear false witness."

- Discuss the original meaning of this commandment in terms of oaths.
- What about swearing in court? How about "cross my heart," "swear on a stack of Bibles"?
- What about falsehoods? Can you ever tell "a little white lie"?
- How does gossip break this commandment?

Group 5

This group studies Commandment 10, "Thou shalt not covet."

- Consider how modern American advertising is meant to make people dissatisfied.
- Why should you, or should you not, "keep up with the Joneses"?
- Is it wrong to desire advancement? When does this become covetous?

Group 6

This group considers the new commandment of John 15:12, 13.

- Why should Christians especially love one another?
- What do you think of quarrels in the church?
- How does this demonstrate our discipleship? John 13:34, 35.

Panel Discussion

If you would rather have a panel discussion than buzz groups appoint a panel beforehand so the members may study these six propositions. Give the panel an opportunity

to discuss these matters among themselves first for fifteen minutes. Then allow those present to address questions to the panel. Make these questions, as much as possible, specific situations and problems that need a solution.

Concluding the Service

After the buzz sessions are over give each group an opportunity to report its discoveries and decisions. There will not be time to enter into a discussion of all relevant questions, but it would be a good idea to write down subjects particularly interesting for formal or informal presentation at some future meeting.

Let the leader summarize, pointing out Jesus' definition of a neighbor (Cf. Luke 10:30-37) and showing how our love for God helps us to love each other. It is also necessary that young people see the tremendous practical necessity of applying Christian teachings to life.

In concluding you might read together, either from Scripture or your hymnal, the Ten Commandments (Exodus 20:2-17) and Jesus' summary of the law (Matthew 22:37-40).

Senior-Young People's Topic

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which God loves, doing the things God desires him to do, speaking the words God wants him to speak. Read Colossians 2:4-3:17.

Conclusion

Let a man trace the course of his life in the Scriptures and not only will he find the guidance that a life acceptable to God requires, but he will also find himself at the foot of the cross as a perishing sinner pleading for mercy. From those nail-pierced hands and bowed head he will receive the forgiveness of those compassionate eyes and the heavenly benediction of those upraised hands. Then rising up anew and renewed he will see out ahead and beckoning him on the image of perfection in the man Christ Jesus.

Worship Suggestions

Call to Worship: "We have not an High Priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need."

Poem: Cecil Frances Alexander's *There Is a Green Hill Far Away*. This has been called an explanation of Christ's atoning death simple enough for a child to understand.

Hymns: *Come, Thou Almighty King; Just as I Am; When I Survey the Wondrous Cross; The Old Rugged Cross*.

Responsive Reading: Selection 8.

Scripture Portions

- M., Feb. 17. Impartial Love. Deuteronomy 10:18, 19.
T., Feb. 18. The Proof of Discipleship. John 13:34, 35.
W., Feb. 19. Christ's Love the Standard. John 15:12, 13.
T., Feb. 20. Sincerity in Love. Romans 12:9, 10.
F., Feb. 21. Love and the Law. James 2:8-10.
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